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REMARKS

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1. At 12:15 p.m. on 27 February a Soviet troop train without engine 25X1
at the Brand railroad station. The train included 8 flatcars carrying 4 YA-12 caterpillar tractors with blue-painted, closed, wooden superstructures and 4 presumably 152-mm guns. the shipment was bound for Brand air- 25X1
field.

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2. Between 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on 26 February, several motor vehicles columns passed through Grossosida (M 52/K 07), coming from the direction of the Zeitz Forest and proceeding toward Zeitz-Weissenfels. They included 8 rocket launchers, and about 150 trucks, including about 25 trucks mounting AA guns or twin-barreled 25-mm AA guns and 8 trucks towing 85-mm AA guns.

At 1:30 p.m. on 2 25X1
February, about 300 trucks towing about 12 to 16 M-43 152-mm howitzers, about 12 x 76-mm AT guns, about 8 x 85-mm AT guns and about 12 x 85-mm AA guns passed through Zeitz, coming from the direction of Altenburg and proceeding toward Weissenfels.

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2. Comment. Presumably a major exercise in the Zeitz area, in which elements of the 21st Gds Mecz Div and artillery units from Altenburg participated.

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